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SOURCE:

1. Attached to the Transport Workers Hospital in Sofia is a dental clinic (Tsentralna Transportna Stomatologicheska Poliklinika), located in a 1-story building next to the hospital. The clinic has a staff of approximately 30 persons, including 12 dentists, 10 dental technicians who work in the laboratory in an annex to the clinic, and five nurses who also serve as administrative personnel.
2. The dental clinic has three departments: surgical dentistry, fillings, and dentures and bridges. Almost all the equipment is new. The surgical department has an electric drill of Czech manufacture and German X-ray equipment; the fillings department has two drills, one an American Ritter; the dentures department has two German Ende drills.
3. All workers of the Ministry of Transport, including those not living in Sofia, and their families are entitled to free treatment at the clinic, but patients must pay for the materials used. To receive treatment, a patient must produce two documents: a confirmation of employment by the Ministry of Transport and his health booklet (Zdravna Knizhka).
4. Most materials and equipment used in dentistry are imported, with the exception of gold which is in ample supply but is rarely used because of its high price. Chlor-Fenol-Kamfor, Tricresol-Formalin, and Eugenol are imported from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, the USSR, and recently also from East Germany.
5. Electric dental drills, dentist chairs, and instruments are mainly of Czech or East German manufacture. A local industry for these articles is in its initial stages, but its products are still extremely imperfect.
6. Cement for fillings is bought exclusively from Czechoslovakia. Mirrors come from Czechoslovakia and Sweden. Artificial teeth are of Israeli or Soviet origin. Amalgam and Vippla are also imported.

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